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TO: Members

Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Bob Lang, Director

SUBJECT: Correction of Alternatives for Budget Paper #740

On May 14, 2015, this office distributed Budget Paper #740 to your offices, related to DWD unemployment insurance drug testing. Alternative A1 and B1 switched the administration's recommended errata correcting the two program components, relating to the UI balancing account. The following shows the corrected alternatives.

ALTERNATIVES

A. DWD Drug Testing Program

- 1. Approve the Governor's recommendation to create a DWD drug testing program for UI claimants. Further, clarify that UI benefits for persons in the drug treatment and skills assessment program be charged to the balancing account, rather than the employer account. In addition, accept the administration's erratum which clarify language related to the unlawful use of controlled substances and expired prescriptions.
- 2. Delete provision. [The administration and/or the UIAC could consider recommending a drug testing program after final federal guidelines are issued and costs are identified.]

ALT A2	Change to Bill
GPR	- \$500,000

B. Employer Drug Test Reporting Program

- 1. Adopt the Governor's employer drug test reporting recommendation, as modified to restrict the use of drug screening, testing, and treatment results to determining eligibility for UI benefits. Further, clarify that the Department shall charge benefit payments to the fund's balancing account if a claimant fails to accept suitable work offered by "an" employer.
 - 2. Delete provision.